

February 18, 2026

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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Bert Cline, Village Administrator
200 East Station St
Ashville, OH 43103

RE: Ashville Village PWS
Notice of Violation
NOV
Drinking Water Program
Pickaway County
PWS ID OH6500012

Subject: Sanitary Survey – Facility ID # 6557169

Dear Mr. Cline:

On January 22, 2026, Mike Santone and I conducted a sanitary survey of the Ashville Village public water system (PWS). The purpose of our inspection was to determine your facility's compliance with Ohio's drinking water laws as found in Chapter 6109 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and Chapter 3745 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). Our inspection included a review of records associated with facility operations.

During the inspection, Ohio EPA observed the following violations of Chapter 6109 of the ORC and Chapter 3745 of the OAC.

VIOLATIONS

The following violations of Ohio's safe drinking water laws and rules were observed. In accordance with OAC Rule 3745-81-60, **your public water system shall respond in writing within 30 days of the date of this letter** indicating how and on what schedule the public water system will address the following violations and correct the violations according to a schedule accepted by the director.

- 1) According to OAC 3745-83-01(H)(1), The owner and operator of a PWS shall ensure that all facilities and equipment necessary for the treatment and distribution of water shall be maintained, at a minimum so as to function as intended.
 - a. At the time of the survey, it was observed that the sodium hypochlorite tanks did not have access covers in the tank lids allowing the entrance of dirt, debris, insects and other

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contaminants. Chemical tanks are to have tight fitting lids to effectively prevent contaminants from entering and to reduce chemical off-gassing.

- i. To resolve this violation, please install manhole covers, vent covers or a bulkhead fitting into the small openings of the lids to provide protective fitted lids on the sodium hypochlorite tanks. There are accessories for tank lids which allow for a secure pass through of chemical feed pump lines and vent tubing. Please submit photos to Ohio EPA showing the covers on the tank lids have been installed.
- b. At the time of the survey, it was observed that the 100,000 gallon (Cromley) elevated storage tank had a small leak spraying water located approximately 10 feet up the riser pipe.
 - i. To resolve this violation, please seal the leak with a welded patch, band, or other acceptable method. Please submit photos to Ohio EPA showing the repair has been completed.
- c. At the time of the survey, it was observed that well #4 was offline to repair the well casing. Ohio EPA records show that the well was taken offline for repairs in August 2024 and has been offline since. This presents a risk to the public water system as there is no backup water source if well #6 were to fail or go offline.
 - i. To resolve this violation, please complete necessary repairs to return well #4 to service. Once repairs have been completed, submit photos to Ohio EPA showing the pump has been reinstalled and the well is back in service. Please note the well must be disinfected, flushed and bacteriologically tested in accordance with OAC 3745-9-08 before it is returned to service for human consumption.
- d. According to Ten States Standards 7.0.16, the area surrounding a ground-level structure should be graded in a manner that will prevent surface water from standing within 50 feet of it.
 - i. During the survey, it was noted that the overflow pipe on the 100,000-gallon (Cromley) elevated tank empties straight down towards one of the tower's feet and does not have an appropriate splash pad or other structure to direct water away from the tower's structure. In the event of an overflow, water flow could erode soil around the base of the water tower, causing damage to the support.
 1. To resolve this violation, extend the overflow pipe away from the base of the tower and install a concrete splash pad, cobblestones, or other hard surface to prevent erosion and direct water safely away from the tower's base. As discussed on-site, this correction may be completed with the current

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planned tower renovations in August 2026.

- ii. During the survey it was observed that soil under the 300,000-gallon elevated storage tank's central support post was sunken following recent construction work. This provides a low spot for water to collect, potentially causing further erosion around the base of the tower.
 - 1. To resolve this violation, please fill in the depression with clean fill dirt, creating a positive grade so water runs away from the foot of the tower. Please submit photos to Ohio EPA once this work has been completed.
- e. At the time of the survey, it was observed that the overflow pipe for the bulk softener brine tank was not screened.
 - i. To resolve this violation, please install a corrosion resistant screen on the brine tank overflow pipe, and submit photos to Ohio EPA showing the work has been completed.
 - ii. On January 30, 2026, Mr. Welsh submitted photos to Ohio EPA showing that a tight-fitting metal screen had been attached to the overflow pipe. Therefore, the violation has been abated.

If you have already resolved the violations listed above, thank you, and please provide documentation supporting compliance.

If you have not yet addressed the violations, please submit a compliance plan on how Ashville Village Pws plans to correct the violations cited above. Documentation of steps taken to return to compliance includes written correspondence, updated policies, and photographs, as appropriate, and may be submitted via the postal service or electronically to mathias.wagner@epa.ohio.gov.

Failure to comply with Chapter 6109 of the Ohio Revised Code and rules established thereunder may result in an administrative or civil penalty. If circumstances delay resolution of violations, you shall submit written correspondence describing the steps that will be taken and dates when compliance will be achieved.

Please note that the submission of any requested information to respond to this letter does not constitute waiver of the Ohio EPA's authority to seek relief as provided in Section 6109.23 and 6109.33 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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A copy of the checklists/forms that we completed as a result of the inspection are available upon request, and additional information (e.g., photographs, sampling results, comments, recommendations, etc.) to aid your water system will be sent to you in a separate letter.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, or any other matter involving your water system, please feel free to contact me by email at mathias.wagner@epa.ohio.gov or by phone at (614) 644-2765.

Sincerely,

Mathias Wagner

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Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

Enclosure: photo sheet

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